



## Police crackdown on speeding motorists

In a dramatic change of policy, police have begun a more hard line approach to cars speeding through the village.

In an exclusive interview with *the Brandeston*, they reveal that speed squads will arrive unannounced to make regular surprise crackdowns.

When quizzed, officers also revealed that the usual suspects—four wheel drive mothers in a hurry and white van man—were not responsible for most of the speeding.

Many villagers will remain to be convinced, however. They complain that police should

visit during the 'Brandeston grand prix'.

Police would not confirm the identity of culprits, though *the Brandeston* can reveal that speeding tickets have

already been handed down. One prominent local dignitary has been quizzed by police.

Meanwhile, on-the-street (and in-the-pub) interviews showed support for the speed testing.

The issue has raised the hackles of villagers for some time, though Brandeston's problem is common to many.

Two years ago the parish council commissioned a research project by a team of villagers, after regular complaints at the annual parish meeting.

As a result, white lines were painted along the street, with further measures possible if they are considered ineffective.

**What are your views? Tell us what you think on the Brandeston blog.**

### 'Speed squads will arrive unannounced' - views of the village



Marion Randall: 'It's a nightmare at the moment...'



Nick Hayward: 'Effective way of controlling the situation...'



Pat Morgan: 'The more impromptu the better...'

## Cautious 'yes' to village plan idea

Brandeston has given cautious agreement to pursuing the idea of a village plan.

Thirty of the 39 present at a hall meeting agreed to take the idea to its next stage. John Bell of Suffolk ACRE outlined how the plan idea might work and emphasized that other villages are already working on theirs.

Agreeing to investigate further did not commit the village to a course of change, he said. The village might choose not to change.

Instead, the decision placed the future of the village more securely in the hands of those who live here. With its own published preferences, the village will have a much louder voice against any moves by local authorities with which

we in the village disagree.

Parish council chairman David Risk asked for volunteers from the audience, to assess the next move.



It is expected that there will be as much opportunity for democratic involvement as is possible before further discussions begin within the village.

At the annual parish meeting, David Risk again confirmed his views that it is important to take time to include everybody in the discussion process.

Although the village plan is to be the responsibility of the village itself, the next move rests with the council as the facilitating body.

Recommendations on the next step will be made at the parish council meeting on 9th May.

It is thought likely that the next move might be a social event at which villagers can discuss informally the future Brandeston that they would prefer.

### Lower Candy not so sweet in name change row snub

In a shock move, Low Street has crushed attempts to change the address to its previous name of Lower Candy.

The Candymen, as they may have become known, lined up 8 households to 3 in what was the most dramatic vote villagers can remember.



In fact it is the only vote villagers can remember.

Debate raged during the campaign, with passions aroused. One Low Street resident declared that changing the name to Lower Candy would make them 'a laughing stock'.

## New faces at the Queen

There are new faces among the team at the Queen's Head. Following Dan and Jodie's departure for Australia, landlord Alan Randall has

remains the happy face behind the bar.

Steve is currently working on new summer menus, which will be ready to go some time in May.

The popular *Feast on a Tenner* promotions will return in the autumn.

Meanwhile, Alan's stalwart efforts in taking on the responsibility for cutting the grass around the village sign were applauded at the annual parish meeting.

Alan insists on cutting all the grass himself, rather than leaving it to someone else. Even his parents, who seem to do most things.

'It helps me think,' he says.



'Who de man?' From left to right: Steven, Kyle, Perry and Toby

recruited an old mate, Toby Rudge, as his new bar manager.

Steven Cannell steps up to be head chef and Perry Frost becomes assistant chef. Kyle

## Woody Allen film evokes the golden age of radio

This month's cinema club (11th May) presents *Radio Days*, a celebration of the golden age of radio. In a funny and nostalgic tribute to the entertainment of the 1930s and 40s, Woody Allen tells us how his obsession for the heroes of radio shaped his childhood. For anyone brought up on our own wireless heyday of mysteries and situation comedies, this is a must.



**And do you remember Orson Welles' spoof, *War of the Worlds*? It's all here!**

This will be the last cinema club event until September.

## New dates for your diary

11 May—cinema club: **Radio Days**

14 June—**wine society**

23 June—**village fete**

14 July—**disco and barbecue**

13 September—**wine society**

Events have been deliberately scaled down during the summer months, but other future events to look forward to include a crafts fair, flamenco & tapas evening and cabaret featuring stars from the village

### At the pub—

**May Day bank holiday—** food served till 9pm

**Spring bank holiday (28th May)—** open all day with a barbecue in the pub garden from 3pm

**THE FLAMENCO AND TAPAS EVENING will now be held over until September. The Inspector Prickle mystery drama, scheduled for 14th April, was cancelled owing to the illness of the leading man. A new date for this will also be arranged.**

## Samba band and egg throwing star at fete

The cool sounds of Rio come to the village fete on 23rd June with music from the Samboomba samba band, featuring Brandeston's own Sam Tassera.

There is more music too. During the afternoon we will have a master-class in drumming (hopefully featuring very small drums).

This year there will be a dog

show, and those likely to be pressed by their dogs to enter them should call Sue Thurlow on 685673.

Children's games will include a penalty competition, pony rides, rounders and apparently something to do with throwing eggs.

This is hoped to be on the opposite side of the field to

where Matello the tarot reader will be telling fortunes. Matello may be left with quite enough egg on his face as it is.

Grown-ups' games will include whisky rolling (whatever that is), a rifle range, collectables, bric-a-brac, books, bottle stall and a bar.

The fete will be held in glorious weather at 2.30 on 23rd June.



**Well if sheep can't safely graze at the old chapel, where can they? They are keeping down the grass around the headstones.**

## Parish pump... what's hot and what's not at the coffee morning and elsewhere

*Haywards Hoofers is not defunct—they will now meet on the first Thursday of the month as a social evening instead of formal ballroom dancing tuition...*

*Anna Carr (nee Martin) has a children's clothes shop in Framlingham, called:*

Ruby & Ted

*Look out for new furniture on the hall terrace this sum-*

*mer. Flowers will be planted around it, ready for the 'village hall of the year' judging...*

*Solar-powered security lights are to be fitted at the hall gates...*

*The hall should also shortly be equipped with room dividers, to double as display stands...*

*Wilda Woodland has found a stray black and white cat, presently resident in her shed.*



Jacky O'Brien

**Is it yours?**

*The new hall bookings manager is Jacky O'Brien...*

*The most popular page on the website is apparently the bingo evening. You have to worry...*

*Next most popular are Peter Arbon's 80th celebrations, the Dempseys' visit, what's on, the*



Peter Arbon

*pub and the pictures...*

*The 100+ Club has made a profit for the hall of £879...*

*The feature on our new neighbours will return when someone new moves in...*

*The next Brandeston will be published in July...*